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Application of: Kirakossian *et al.*

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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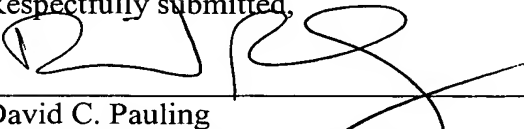
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005 be extended for a period of 1 month(s) from January 19, 2006 to and including February 19, 2006, which falls on a Sunday, and Monday, February 20, 2006 is a Federal holiday, so the response filed today, February 21, 2006 is timely filed with one month's extension of time.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$60.00. Please charge the required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 21, 2006

  
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